

Muscoy MAC Meeting Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Council Members Present:

Larry Claunch	Gloria Dickey	Anna Duarte	Vanney Mayberry
Kay Sanders	Jerry Smith	Lia Tinker	

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Duarte at 7:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Council Member Claunch moved to approve the Minutes with two amendments correcting typos. Council Member Mayberry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-Action Items

A. Sheriff's Department – Service Specialist Kathy Gray

Ms. Gray was unable to attend. Field Representative Frances Vasquez presented the crime statistics for the month of March:

Total calls for service: 960; Total report calls: 152; 4 – Malicious Vandalism, 8 – Stolen Vehicles, 10 – Recovered stolen vehicles, 23 – property crimes/ID theft/grand theft/, 2 – miscellaneous reports/lost property, 19 – crimes against person's/attempted murder/assault, 25 – miscellaneous reports/missing & returned persons/ runaway juvenile, 50 – arrests.

B. County Code Enforcement – Scott Vahovick, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Vahovick reported that there are 109 active cases in the Muscoy area. A community clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st and April 28th from 8am – noon at the PAL Center and the corner of Darby and Macy Streets.

Code Enforcement is working with the Sheriff's Department to enforce illegal to occupy notices issued by the county. They are operating at night and have made several arrests throughout the 5th District.

Residents asked questions regarding notices mailed to residents from County Weed Abatement. Mr. Vahovick will request that a representative from Weed Abatement attend a future meeting to respond to their questions.

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the county's health and development codes. If residents have questions or complaints they may contact County Code Enforcement at (909) 387-4044.

C. California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos was unable to attend the meeting. 5th District Field Representative announced that if residents have questions or a complaint for CHP they may contact the front desk officer at (909) 383-4247.

Action Items

A. Community Emergency Response Team – Larry Claunch

Mr. Claunch reported that he is exploring the possibility of receiving support to purchase equipment for the Muscoy CERT program. He is coordinating a training session with the County Office of Emergency Services.

Residents may contact the Muscoy CERT sub-council at muscoycert@yahoo.com.

NEW BUSINESS

Non-Action Items

A. Blake Little League – Larry Claunch

Mr. Claunch is coordinating a clean up day for the Blake Little League field with the Job Corps Center. They plan to hold it in conjunction with the County's clean up day in April. Mr. Claunch is working to generate sponsorship for the Little League program to improve and maintain the league-owned fields.

B. Darby Lane Project – Anna Duarte

The Darby Lane Project is a 27 acre, 250 home proposed development in the unincorporated community of Muscoy.

MAC Chair Duarte entertained questions from the public to incorporate into a document of community concerns to present to the development company. Comments were compiled into the following topics: Portions of the area are designated floodway. How will the developer mitigate this? Will the project be constructed in phases? Are future developments planned in addition to this project? What types of improvements will be made to the roadways that are impacted by the development? Will the newly constructed park space be accessible to residents outside of the gated community?

Action Items

None

REPORTS

5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez extended the Supervisor's gratitude to Julie Hernandez for her service to the Code Enforcement Division. She wishes her the best of luck as the new supervisor of the County's Weed Abatement Division.

She extended deep sympathies to the families and friends of victims of the Virginia Tech shooting. President Bush has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Sunday, April 22 in memory of the Virginia Tech shooting victims. The Board of Supervisors has directed that all county offices comply with this order.

Street Lights – On March 13, the Board of Supervisors approved the MAC's request to authorize an election of property owners in unincorporated Muscoy to pay for streetlight services. A private election company began mailing the ballots that day to parcel owners. There will be a 45-day mailing period, with ballots due on Election Day, **April 27th**. If the proposed timeline is maintained, Special Districts Dept. will go to the Board on May 22nd to confirm the election.

WE TIP - This week, the San Bernardino County will roll out a comprehensive program to curb illegal dumping in unincorporated communities. The Board of Supervisors today

approved a contract with We Tip Inc. to manage a \$25,000 reward program to encourage residents to report persons who trash their neighborhoods.

Illegal Dumping Ordinance – Last month, the Board adopted an illegal dumping ordinance that establishes fines for illegal dumping. The ordinance becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. **on Friday, April 20.** At 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales' urging, the Board also approved the purchase of eight additional surveillance camera systems for \$60,000 to catch and deter illegal dumpers. Under the illegal dumping ordinance, any person who illegally dumps waste matter or causes, maintains and/or permits waste matter to be illegally dumped in an unincorporated area is guilty of an infraction. Infraction fines are:

- \$100 for a first conviction
- \$200 for a second conviction
- \$500 for a third and subsequent convictions.

Any person illegally dumping or causing, maintaining and/or permitting the illegal dumping of waste generated by business and any person illegally dumping at least one cubic yard of waste is guilty of a misdemeanor. Misdemeanor penalties are:

- a fine of \$500 to \$3,000 for a first conviction
- a fine of \$500 to \$6,000 for a second conviction
- a fine of \$500 to \$10,000 and/or up to six months in jail for a third and subsequent convictions.

To improve the illegal dumping ordinance's effectiveness, Supervisor Gonzales proposed the expansion of the use of surveillance cameras and the establishment of a \$25,000 reward program.

Residents who witness illegal dumping in unincorporated communities will be rewarded up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identification and/or arrest and conviction of an illegal dumper. Citizens may provide information immediately by calling We Tip at: (800) 78-CRIME or by submitting information online at www.wetip.com.

Community Calendar - Supervisor Gonzales has a community calendar link on her County website. She welcomes Fifth District non-profit organizations to submit information on public events for posting on this site.

Fifth District Graffiti Hotline: Residents may call toll-free **1-877-44-ABATE** for graffiti abatement services. The contract covers all and only properties located within the County 5th District unincorporated areas. The contract will allow the vendor to abate graffiti located on private property with written consent from the property owner.

County E-mail updates on news and events - Anyone with an e-mail address can automatically receive timely updates on San Bernardino County news, events, and services completely free of charge through the county website at www.sbcounty.gov.

Community Action Partnership provides assistance to low-income individuals and families. They are conducting a survey to identify the needs of low-income families residing in San Bernardino County. Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) invited community members to participate in local conversations on poverty and economic security scheduled throughout the County. They held a meeting at the PAL Center and asked attendees to complete a one-page survey on poverty. They need the surveys to help

them complete their two-year comprehensive services plan. For more information, call CAP at 723-1514 and ask for Rowena Concepcion.

Public Events

Tattoo Removal Program - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. is being offered to juveniles 15-18 years old at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The clinic is free to juveniles referred by the Probation Dept. Parents/guardians must accompany the youth.

2-1-1 workshops- Inland Empire United Way is providing four workshops; two in April and two in May. They will provide information on: How to perform simple searches using the database; The nuts and bolts of 2-1-1; How the 2-1-1 database and collaborative partners benefit each other; How to get the information you need quickly from the database; How to keep current on all the resources in your area; How to find valuable and timely programs & resources in our County.

Saturday, April 21st & 28th, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - **Muscoy Community Clean Up & Recycling Days** —@ two locations: Darby and Macy Streets (next to the fire station) and the PAL Center, 2450 Blake St. Information, call 909 387-4044.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Larry Claunch

He reported earlier on the status of CERT and the Blake Little League Project.

Council Member Gloria Dickey

No Report

MAC Chair Anna Duarte

Ms. Duarte met with the principal of Vermont Elementary School regarding traffic issues raised at the MAC meeting.

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Council Member Lia Tinker

No Report

Public Comments:

Ms. Linda Thacker read a letter she wrote to County Land Use Services Dept. regarding her opposition to the proposed development plan for a 250-unit detached residential development on 27 acres on Blake Street near Macy St.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm to the next MAC meeting scheduled for May 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565